Delay in delivery of fishing trawlers

1561. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI. Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 634 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th November, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of nine shipyards in the country with whom orders for deep sea fishing trawlers were placed and to whom a subsidy of Rs. 2052.22 Lakhs was paid;

(b) what is the number of trawlers which were ordered, the number of those delivered, and which are overdue for delivery, and since when they are overdue for each of the nine shipyards;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to overdue deliveries, deep sea trawling companies, which placed the orders, are incurring exorbitant interest burden on the loans they have taken and paid to the shipyards; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to expedite the delivery of trawlers by the concerned shipyards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 83A].

(c) *papers* liability on the loans taken by deep sea fishing companies goes on accruing during the period of construction, at the concessional rate of 6.75% per annum. This becomes payable only after the delivery of the vessels.

(d) The progress of construction is reviewed regularly and all efforts are made to ensure timely delivery of the trawlers.

Discussion with China on Tibet issue

1562. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of Dalai Lama and Tibetian people for a solution of the Tibetian problem was brought to the notice of the Chinese Government by the Prime Minister during his recent tour to that country; and

(b) if so, the response of the Chinese leaders thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The proposals concern the relations between the Chinese Government on the one hand, and the Dalai Lama and the Tibetian community on the other.

Government regard Tibet as an autonomous region of China.

Transfer of CSS-2 Missiles by Saudi Arab to Pakistan

1563. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the two missiles test fires by Pakistan recently were actually delivered on a turnkey ready-to-launch basis and were only tested by Pakistan; if so, what is Government's information about it; and

(b) what is Government's information about likelyhood of transferring C.S.S.-2 missiles by Saudi Arab, it had got from China, for acting as a delivery system of Pakistan's nuclear weapons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government have seen reports of a statement made by the Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan on February 5, 1989 claiming that Pakistan had successfully fired and tested two indigenously manufactured surface-to-surface missiles.

(b) We have been informed by the Saudi Arabian Goverrnment that there was no question of transferring to Pakistan the CSS-2 missiles acquired by Saudi Arabia from China.

Production of laser-range finder by Pakistan

1564. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has unveiled a new missile recently which is a shoulder-fired surface to surface missible;

(b) what is Governmen's information about it;

(c) what action has been taken by Governments in this connection; and

(d) whether a laser-rang finder has also been produced by Pak defence laboratories; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (d) Government have seen reports of Pakistan having manufactured shoulder-fired surface-to air missiles and laser-range finders. Government continue to keep a close watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and take necessary measures to safeguard it.

Setting up of computerised literacy data base by Sahitya Academy

1565. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sahitya Academy proposes to set up the computerised literacy database; if so, what are the details of this scheme;

(b) what programme has been undertaken by the Academy in collaboration with their Russian counterparts for publication of contemporary Indian and Soviet literature; and

(c) what are the details of programme for the International field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Under the cultural exchange programme between the two countries, the Akademi acts as a nodal agency for the publication of 20th Century Indo-Soviet Literature project under which classics of both the Countries of the period are being translated into each others language.

(c) The Akademi does not have a specific programme for the International field. However, it has a regular programme of translating foreign classics into Indian languages on reciprocal basis under the Cultural exchange programmes of Govt. of India with various countries. A few Publications in collaboration with UNESCO have been brought out by the Akademi. Also Scholars from abroad have been invited for participation in its International Seminars, besides exchanging writers under the Cultural Exchange Programmes.